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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT TOPIC Finow Airfield

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Finow airfield between 20 and 26 February 1954:

20 February. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., there was air activity by swept-back jet aircraft which made local flights, individually and in elements of twos, and formation flights by four aircraft in combat formation. A U-MIG-15 towed a sleeve target and firing with aircraft weapons was heard from the direction of Werbellin Lake.

21 February. There was no air activity.

22 February. Between 8:30 a.m. and about 4:30 p.m., there was little air activity by aircraft flying in elements of twos. Once, a wedge formation was observed. An aircraft towing a sleeve target was repeatedly observed aloft, while firing with aircraft weapons was heard.

24 February. Between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., aircraft practiced flying individually and in formations of threes and fours. A total of about 60 take-offs were made.

25 February. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., there was air activity by individual aircraft and aircraft flying in elements of twos.

26 February. During the morning, only a few local flights were made by MIG-15s or U-MIG-15s. During the afternoon, there was again flying by formations of threes and fours. About 4 p.m., a total of 52 to 55 MIG-15s or U-MIG-15s were observed at the field including 40 aircraft which were counted. About 6 Yak-11s were parked on the northern edge of the field.

2. Between 20 and 26 February, 6 AA guns were identified in the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Finow airfield is still occupied by two fighter regiments equipped with a total of about 60 MiG-15s, in addition to the fighter division headquarters. Training activity by aircraft flying individually and in formations is being continued at Finow airfield.

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